tion , and to this end to use the assistance there of any gentle-
man of quality

z8th October THE TRIAL OF BRIAN O'ROURKE

Brian O'Rourke was brought to trial and arraigned at West-
minster As he spoke no English, Mr John Ly of Rathbnde, a
gentleman from Ireland, interpreted between him and the
Judge He was charged on several counts of having sought the
deprivation of her Majesty from her royal seat, the destruction
of her person and the overthrow of her realm of Ireland.

Amongst other accusations it is declared

That at Dromaher he caused a picture of a woman to be made,
setting to it Her Majesty's name, and causing it to be tied to a
horse's tail and drawn through the mud in derision , and after
he caused the galliglasses to hew it in pieces with their axes,
uttering divers traitorous and rebellious words against Her
Majesty,

That after the Spanish fleet sent by the King of Spam and
Pope Sixtus V had been dispersed by the English fleet till they
came round Scotland and so into Ireland, O'Rourke entertained
and succoured divers of the Spaniards who had been employed
in the invasion , and that after proclamation was made by the
Lord Deputy that upon pain of death no man should keep any
of the Spaniards but send them to him by an appointed day,
O'Rourke kept the prisoners and afterwards despatched them
safe to Spam with a Spanish fnar and an Irish friar,

That he violently entered and burned Ballmgaffe and other
villages in Roscommon, and the town of Knockmallen, murder-
ing Her Majesty's subjects, and continuing these outrages until
he was forced by the Queen's forces to fly to Scotland ,

That at Glasgow he offered the King of Scots that

if he would maintain him and suffer his subjects to join him he would bring the realm of Ireland to his subjection.

After many speeches had passed between O'Rourke and his judges, he declared that he would not consent to be tried by the jury unless he might have a week's respite to allow of papers from Ireland being sent to him, and a good man of law to be assigned to him who should swear to deal as truly for him as for the Queen's heir apparent if he were in his place , and besides he